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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - NOVEMBER 28, 1977

1. SPOKESMAN HODDING CARTER DREW ON THE FOLLOWING TALKING
POINTS IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR COMMENT ON THE SMITH
INITIATIVE:

2. MR. SMITH'S CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF WHAT HE CALLS
"MAJORITY RULE BASED ON ADULT SUFFRAGE" SHOULD BE SEEN AS A
RECOGNITION BY HIM OF AN ESSENTIAL FACT OF RHODESIAN POLI-
TICAL LIFE, WHICH HE HAS IGNORED IN THE PAST. TO THIS
EXTENT, IT APPEARS TO BE A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT.

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HOWEVER, HE APPEARS NOT READY TO RECOGNIZE OTHER ELEMENTS
ESSENTIAL TO A LASTING SETTLEMENT.

PRINCIPALLY, THEY ARE THAT INDEPENDENCE FOR ZIMBABWE MUST
INVOLVE A GENUINE TRANSFER OF POWER TO A GOVERNMENT REPRE-
SENTING THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE.

THIS GOVERNMENT MUST BE SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF ELECTIONS,
PERCEIVED BY INTERNATIONAL OPINION AS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED
IN A DEMONSTRABLY FAIR MANNER.

TO BE FAIR, ALL PARTIES MUST BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
SELECTION OF THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT. THIS MEANS THE
NATIONALIST ELEMENTS OUTSIDE, AS WELL AS INSIDE, THE COUN-
TRY. VANCE

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